THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) The number of cases of murder, rape, attempt to murder, dacoity and eve-teasing reported during the period from 1.1.2003 to 31.7.2003 and 1.1.2004 to 31.7.2004 is indicated below:

Crime Head	1.1.2003 to 31.7.2003	1.1.2004 to 31.7.2004
Murder	291	283
Rape	306	315
Attempt to Murder	245	291
Dacoity	18	14
Eve-teasing	892	1348

The aforesaid figures indicate that while the incidents of murder and dacoity have decreased, the incidents of rape, attempt to murder and eve-teasing have increased during the first seven months of the current year as compared to the corresponding period of the previous year.

(d) The steps taken to curb incidence of crime in Delhi include improvement in the beat system of patrolling; identification of Police Stations with high rate of crime and provision of additional manpower and motorcycle patrols to such Police Stations; rationalizing the timing for patrolling to maximize its effectiveness; and development of intelligence about the movement of desperate criminals. Delhi Police have also taken certain special measures to prevent crime against women and senior citizens. These include constituion of 'security review committees' in prominent women colleges; setting up of a 'Women Help Line' in the Police Control Room; constitution of a 'Women Mobile Team' to attend to distress calls from women on round-the-clock basis; multi-tasking of PCR Vans; setting up of 'senior citizens security cell' at the Police Headquarters; renewed emphasis on verification of the antecedents of domestic servants; and closer interaction with the Residents Welfare Associations.

Security cover to tourists and pilgrims in J and K

2297. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken to provide security to tourists visiting Jammu and Kashmir during summer vacations and pilgrims that would be arriving for Amamath Yatra;

(b) whether the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir has asked for more security cover from the Union Government during its tourist seasons and Amamath Yatra;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of steps taken by Central Government or proposed to be taken to ensure that both tourists and pilgrims visiting Jammu and Kashmir are safe from militancy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRISRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) A three-tier security arrangements has been set in place for the pilgrims who have been arriving for Shri Amarnathji Yatra. The army is deployed for dominance of area adjoining holy cave route and base camps at Baltal and Pahalgam. The BSF undertakes road opening tasks to ensure incident free passage of convoys carrying *yatris* via Baltal and Pahalgam routes. CRPF and J&K Police besides providing escorts to the *yatra* convoys, secure the camps located at various places from Pahalgam and Baltal upto the holy cave. In addition, J&K Police is involved to ensure anti-sabotage check and access control at holy cave, base camps and the area from Pahalgam and Baltal upto the holy cave. The arrangements, which have been functional since July 10, is working effectively.

With regard to the security of tourists visiting the State, SF/J&K Police have all along been engaged in ensuring adequate area dominance and security at and around places of tourists' interest and also the routes leading to tourist destinations. In addition, unobtrusive surveillance is being mounted at these places so as to deter terrorists from indulging in any. violence.

Similar arrangements are being made for the pilgrims coming to Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine at Katra. Besides strengthening the security set-up around Katra town and route leading to holy cave, adequate security arrangements have also been made for the pilgrims coming from various parts of the country by train or road upto the holy place.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Central Government has made available additional forces at the request of the Government of J&K.

Grants to manufacturers for solar water heating system

2298. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Central grant is being given to municipalities for adopting solar water heating system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the grant;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) and (b) Under the Solar Thermal Programme (STP) of the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources, there is a provision to provide a one-time financial assistance to the municipalities/municipal corporations/local bodies which adopt and notify a modification in their building bye-laws making installation of solar assisted water heating systems mandatory in at least some categories of buildings. The quantum of the assistance is up to Rs. 5 lakhs for municipalities and Rs. 10 lakhs for municipal corporations. The grant is intended to support training, study tours, awareness creation, demonstration, preparation of brochures/manuals and creating infrastructure for implementing the mandatory provision. The grants are released only after the local body notifies the amended building bye-laws and submits a plan for utilizing the assistance.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Most municipal corporations have only recently begun to examine the question of amending their bulding bye-laws to make the installation of solar water heating systems mandatory. Only two corporations have formally notified such amendments. No corporation has yet availed of the grant from the Ministry. Hence there is no experience or feed back which suggests a need to increase the grant.